REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed September 22, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claims 19-56 and 58-73.

Claims 75-80

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action the Examiner stated that claims 75-80 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. The Examiner further stated that since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, Claims 75-80 have been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant has canceled Claims 75-80.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Response places the application in condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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